

DIRECT PRIMARY IN DANGER OF REPEAL

Law Almost Sure to Be Wiped Out or Drastically Modified This Winter.

DISGUSTED EVEN FRIENDS

Republican Leaders, Before Condemning It Publicly, Await Smith's Views.

One of the safest predictions that may be made in regard to the work of the coming session of the Legislature, it would seem, is that the direct primary law will be repealed. Or, rather, to put it more euphemistically, for no one wishes to face the charge that a retrogression is to take place in the management of political affairs in this State, the direct primary law will be amended so as to provide for a return to the old convention system of nominating party candidates.

The direct primary feature will be maintained, however, in the selection of delegates to conventions, and to this extent there will not be a return to the old system, the system where one faction secured control of the committee on credentials and by strong arm methods threw out such delegates as were opposed to it. Credentials under the proposed new system would be issued by the election authorities and would be final, save for review by the courts.

No Voice to Defend It.

Since the Republican Club of the City of New York started the ball rolling by the passage of a resolution favoring the "amendment" of the direct primary law and the introduction of a similar resolution at the last meeting of the Republican County Committee not a voice has been raised in defence of the present law. Unless some potent influence should arise to make a fight for the retention of the system it would seem to be a foregone conclusion that it will go.

While Republican leaders are willing enough to give their views, they do not want to be quoted at present. They are waiting to find out what the attitude of Governor-elect Smith will be. Although the present law has passed in the Democratic administration of Gov. Glynn in the latter part of 1913, the Democratic leaders are about as much disgusted with the workings of the law as the Republicans.

"We would like to know what stand Gov. Smith will take in the present legislative session," said an influential Republican yesterday. "If he should advocate a return to the convention system in his message to the Legislature I think he would find considerable support at once among the Republicans."

While it cannot be stated that the Governor will discuss the topic in his message, it may be said on the best of authority that he favors a return to the convention system under proper safeguards, much as outlined in the plan suggested by Alan D. Kohn, chairman of the present law. In the affairs of the Republican Club, it is believed that he would be willing to sign such a bill, although, of course, his attitude might be altered by the situation that might arise in connection with other legislation.

Former Advocates Disgusted.

So far as it can be learned, none of the district leaders in New York county will oppose the resolution for a return to the convention system when it comes before the county committee meeting, January 16. Originally there were leaders, such as Colin H. Woodward of the Twenty-third, who were strenuous advocates of direct primaries, but they have come to appreciate the defects the law has in actual practice, and will not raise a hand to see the law repealed. It is believed it was the opinion that the bill for the repeal of the direct primary law introduced by Senator Elton R. Brown last winter would have passed except for the fact that Gov. Whitman threatened to make a fight against it. His interest in the matter was said to rest entirely on the fact that he preferred to be renominated by the direct primary system. His friends who would have stood by him in the fight last winter will not be opposed to the repeal of the law this year, it is believed.

MEXICO TO LIFT FOOD DUTIES.

President Empowered to Modify Tariff on Necessities.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day approved the extension of extraordinary powers in financial matters asked for by the President.

It is understood that under this new authority the President soon will issue decrees removing until June 30 import duties on foodstuffs and articles of primary necessity wanted in the country, as well as on agricultural implements and irrigation machinery. It is expected the duties of automobiles will be removed for three months.

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Two Extremes

To be sure of their principal some people have hoarded actual cash for four years past and have received no interest.

Many have gone to the other extreme and spent their savings for wildcat securities. The hoarded money is beginning to come out of its hiding places and the Government is taking steps to supervise the issuing of securities so as to protect the unwary.

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BUREAU TO RECRUIT MERCHANT MARINE

Will Supply "All Hands and Cook" for Shipping Board and Private Vessels.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The Sea Service Bureau will be the official name of the new agency of the United States Shipping Board which will direct recruiting for the merchant marine vessels operated by the board. This announcement was made public to-day by the board.

This agency will have offices in principal American ports and through it not only seamen but masters, mates and engineers, in fact the proverbial "all hands and the cook" will be signed for sea duty. Vessels privately operated will have the privilege of shipping through the bureau on the same footing as those operated by the Shipping Board.

Capt. Irving L. Evans, Cleveland, Ohio, a former shipmaster and an Admiralty lawyer, was transferred to-day from the board's recruiting service to head the new bureau, which was formed by combining an agency of the same name in the recruiting service with the existing shipping agencies of the board's division of operations, that hitherto has manned the ships operated by the board.

In addition to placing experienced seafarers in employment the new bureau will ship out for sea duty all graduates of the Shipping Board's training system. These include large numbers of young Americans first introduced to sea life on the board's training ships and also experienced sailors and engineers trained as officers at the board's free schools of navigation and engineering.

PRELATE APPEALS TO TROOPS.

Cardinal Gibbons Sends Message of Brotherly Love.

CAMP MEADE, Md., Dec. 25.—An appeal for brotherly love was made by Cardinal Gibbons in a Christmas message to the soldiers at this army cantonment, which was read at the masses this morning and issued in the form of a memorandum to be read to all soldiers in the usual manner in which military matters are brought to their attention.

The message was sent through Bernard J. Flynn, director of activities for the Knights at this camp. It read:

"Who is it that gladdens to-day the heart of young and old, of rich and poor and of pilgrim and that knits again the bonds of family love? All are warmed by the rays that emanate from the Babe of Bethlehem, and may He bless you and make you regard each other as brothers, recognizing Christ as your older brother."

MORE REFORMS IN MEXICO.

Proposal Involves Rights in Religious Matters.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Still another proposed constitutional reform was added to the long list which has already been initiated by the Executive. This proposes the derogation of sections 7 and 8 of article 130, which provides that State Legislatures fix upon a maximum number of clergy who shall be allowed to conduct religious rites, and that all clergy shall be native born Mexicans.

Section 16 of the same article is modified to read that the inalienable property of churches conform to article 27, which provides for the nationalization of certain forms of property.

New Portuguese Ministry.

LISBON, Dec. 25.—A new Portuguese Ministry has been formed as follows: Premier and Minister of the Interior, Tamarizinho Barbosa; Finance, Reimaz; War, Cortezal; Marine, Souza Faro; Justice, Alfonso Mello; Commerce, Azevedo Ruy; Agriculture, Fernandes Oliveira; Labor, Forbes Bessa; Colonies, Baptista Coelho; Public Instruction, Alfredo Magalhães; Food, Azevedo.

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CARNIVAL OF CRIME NIPPED IN HOHOKUS

Law Guardians Are Deliberate, but the Burglars Are More So.

POLICE HAVE LONG WAIT

Electric Alarm at Jacquelin Country Place Betrays the Intruders.

This is the Christmas story of Burglar Bill and his pal, Burglar Harry, and of how they put their foot in it and lost out to the police near Hohokus.

The Sun would be unable to present to its readers this morning this appropriate Yuletide tale had not Herbert T. B. Jacquelin, a wealthy broker with a seat on the Stock Exchange, been gracious enough for Christmas literary purposes to remove carefully all valuable items from his summer home near Ridgewood, N. J., thereby compelling Burglar Bill and Burglar Harry to hunt so long for the valuables that even the local police had time to arrive on the scene.

The scene was laid at Mr. Jacquelin's country residence, at a lonely spot on the East Saddle River road, in the vicinity of Hohokus, with plenty of spacious grounds about the place to give the housebreakers the exclusive view of the matter, and continued as they were. Thereupon both Thompson and Wagenheim unlocked a blast from the artillery, and the burglars flopped on the porch and spilled all their bundles.

One of them lay still, but the other crawled into the house with more speed than dexterity. The superintendent went after him and repeated the "Hands up" formula, but the burglar didn't recognize the signal. Then the superintendent, utterly at a loss with his backshot, let him have the other barrel and brought him to the ground in the most approved fashion.

This Is Now a Social Note.

The pair were overpowered by the others of the party, and placed for an ambulance from the Ridgewood unit of the Women's Motor Corps, as no other provision had been made in the vicinity for the reception of injured burglars. So in addition to breaking into society in other ways the burglars had the intention of being driven to the Ridgewood police headquarters by Sergeant Gestford and Corporal Cowperthwaite, two young women of social prominence who didn't mind getting up early in the morning.

At headquarters the police tried the names of William Brauer and Harry Bonner out of the pair, and Recorder Watson held them without bail before letting the sergeant and the corporal give them a further airing en route to the Hackensack Hospital. There it was found that Brauer had a revolver shot wound in the knee and Bonner's legs were tattooed with shot. However, neither was badly hurt, except in his feelings.

The police believed, from the numerous bundles found assembled in the Jacquelin home, that the men planned to signal with the flashlight to a waiting automobile on the road to come and get it, but that the driver of the car decided to move away from the area of bombardment. Mr. Jacquelin, summoned from his home, said that the clothing, cameras, silverware and silver golf trophies which they had gathered for export were worth something, but not so valuable as the personal property he had removed, which caused the housebreakers to keep searching so long they hunted their way into the arms of the law.

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Reserves Are Called Out.

The desk sergeant, after calling up Superintendent of Police Groves at his home to get the highest available advice on how to round out the old year with this round up, decided that the occasion called for none other than Policemen Wagenheim, Orr and Placa. So Policemen Wagenheim, Orr and Placa tore into their mufflers and hopped aboard a racing driver, though the idea mustn't be conceived that they did it in the manner of

the Keystone police, and streaked over the horizon.

No, they proceeded at a respectable pace to the Potts home, Policeman Wagenheim carrying the Ridgewood revolver. After picking up Mr. Potts, Superintendent Thompson and his son Leroy, they stopped at the superintendent's house while he got a double barreled shotgun that he had been keeping for just such a wild night as this. Then they went on to the Jacquelin home—and would any one believe it, after all this time the burglars were still there?

Not really disappointed that the intruders had been so persistent, the armed posse deployed around the house with their fighting faces on. They kept at a suitable distance from the building, for there's no sense in rushing those things, especially when a gun might go off in the darkness. They could see lights flashing on and off all through the house, for these marauders seemed to be of a very deliberate kind—in fact, might be termed members of the leisure class.

Long Vigil Is Rewarded.

For a half hour the vigilantes waited for an hour—for an hour and a half. It seemed as if those burglars never would come out and give themselves up. And it was getting most too cold to keep on waiting for them. Finally all the lights went out of a sudden and two figures stepped out on the rear porch—the watchers noticed they had stepped out at last, darn 'em, because one of them advertised the fact with a hand searchlight. The men carried bundles.

"Hands up, or I'll fire!" shouted Superintendent Thompson, unkindly disregarding the fact that the men couldn't very well do so when their arms were encumbered with parcels. The burglars took the more sensible view of the matter, and continued as they were. Thereupon both Thompson and Wagenheim unlocked a blast from the artillery, and the burglars flopped on the porch and spilled all their bundles.

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Thirty-ninth Time in America!

Fortieth Time in America!